

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending when last examined. In the Response filed July 26, 2004, Applicants cancelled Claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new Claims 19-32. This Response makes no additional amendments to the claims. All pending claims are shown in the detailed listing above.

In the Office Action of August 19, 2004, the Examiner stated: "The reply filed on 7/26/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response has failed to sufficiently point out the patentable novelty of the newly submitted claims. Merely a general assertion that the claims are allowable appears on page 7 of the response. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment."

Applicants respectfully submit that pending Claims 19-32 are patentable over Salesky et al. (USPN 6,343,313), the reference cited by the Examiner to reject the now cancelled Claims 1-18. In particular, each of Claims 19-32 include limitations which are not disclosed, taught, or suggested by Salesky et al.

For example, Claim 19 includes, *inter alia*, "a meeting zone for supporting an on-line conference among the plurality of client computers, the meeting zone having a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers, and a plurality of application servers." This is not disclosed in Salesky et al. Claim 19 also recites, "the meeting manager is operable to manage the on-line conference in the meeting zone" and "each collaboration server is operable to host at least a portion of the on-line conference." These limitations are likewise not disclosed or suggested by Salesky et al. In addition, Claim 19 further includes, "wherein the meeting manager is operable to receive a request to join the on-line conference from a client computer, and to select at least one of the collaboration servers and the application servers based on respective processing loads of the collaboration servers and the application

servers.” These limitations are also not taught by Salesky et al. Claims 20-26 depend from Claim 19, and thus include all of the same limitations.

Similarly, Claim 27 includes, *inter alia*, “[a] method for collaborative computing in a scalable system having a web zone and a meeting zone, wherein the meeting zone has a meeting manager, a plurality of collaboration servers, and a plurality of application servers.” This is not disclosed or taught by Salesky et al. Claim 27 also recites, “at the meeting zone receiving a request to join the on-line conference from a client computer” and “selecting at least one of the collaboration servers and the application servers based on respective processing loads of the collaboration servers and the application servers.” These limitations are not taught or suggested by Salesky et al. Claims 28-32 depend from Claim 27, and thus include all of the same limitations.

For at least the reasons given above, Claims 19-32 are allowable over Salesky et al.

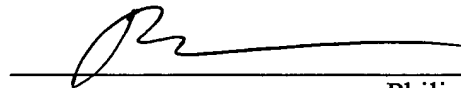
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the Application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (415) 772-1200.

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